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## INTRODUCTION

In the development of the NASA Redox Energy Storage System, the electrical storage efficiency has been low due to the complex chemical reaction of the chromium II and III species. This paper describes several studies dealing with the processes occurring at the catalyzed carbon electrode during the charging and discharging of the system.

The Redox Energy Storage System is an electrochemical device that employs the oxidation and reduction of two soluble redox couples for charging and discharging. In a Redox flow cell there are two active electrolyte solutions separated by a highly selective ion exchange membrane (fig. 1) (1). Each electrode consists of porous carbon felt, a few millimeters in width. On the chromium side, the carbon felt is catalyzed by trace amounts of gold and lead because the rate of reduction of Cr(III) to Cr(II) is slow on most surfaces (4,5, and 7). This catalyst also improves the cell discharge rate. On the iron side no catalyst is needed (1).

In the aqueous chromic chloride, the complex ions,  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  and  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4\text{Cl}_2^{+}$ , exist in equilibrium with  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$  (3). Depending on whether the cell is being charged or discharged, there are distinctive differences observed at the same state of charge in the chromium solutions (9). In fig. 2 the complete charge cycle is observed

using open-circuit voltage behavior. Above 50 percent state-of-charge, the charging rate decreases considerably.

$\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$  and  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  have been identified as the predominant Cr(III) species present in the acidified  $\text{CrCl}_3$  solutions of the NASA Redox System and are shown in figure 3 (1,6 and 8). The reactions occurring at the catalyzed carbon felt electrode during charge-discharge cycles have been followed spectrophotometrically and potentiometrically (1). Figure 4 is a typical spectrum and figure 5 shows the emf data plotted versus the ratios of Cr(II) to Cr(III) calculated from the spectra using Beer's Law.

The concentration of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  is found to decrease much more rapidly with the increasing state-of-charge than does the concentration of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$ , indicating that  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  is predominantly reduced during the charging cycle (1). There is a rapid rise in  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  concentration, and a slow rise in the concentration of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$ , as discharge takes place. Electrode potential data also indicates that  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  is the primary electroactive species. This can be explained as the reduction of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  via an inner-sphere chloride-bridged electrode reaction and the oxidation of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^+$  via an inner-sphere chloride-bridged electrode reaction shown in fig. 7 (1). There is also a slowly attained equilibrium between  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$  and  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$ .

The spectra was analyzed using a DuPont 310 curve resolver and the visible spectra of the complex ions present in the solution which are shown in figure 6 (1).

The Frank-Condon principle, which states that the motions of heavy atoms are negligibly slow with respect to the rapid motions of electrons dictates that the atomic geometry of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  during reduction should remain the same as well as the  $\text{Cr}(\text{II})$  species during oxidation (4). The reaction pathway determined at a dropping mercury electrode and a catalyzed carbon electrode found the complexes  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  and  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$  to be involved in the oxidation and reduction reactions (1). The electrode potential data shows that  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  and  $\text{Cr}^{+2}$  obey the Nernst equation in the discharge mode and in the charge mode.  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  and  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^+$  appear to be the electro-active species. This activity can be explained by the unique atomic structure (octahedral) as well as the high activity of the chloride ion. The chloride ion forms a bridged inner-sphere pathway which is much more active than the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  pathway on the  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$  (7). The ligands in the reactant's primary coordination sphere penetrate the layer of solvent molecules and ions specifically coordinated to the electrode surface. Thus, the crystal field that stabilized the octahedral  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  is overcome. Reduction can now occur in the charge mode because the energy of activation is lowered.

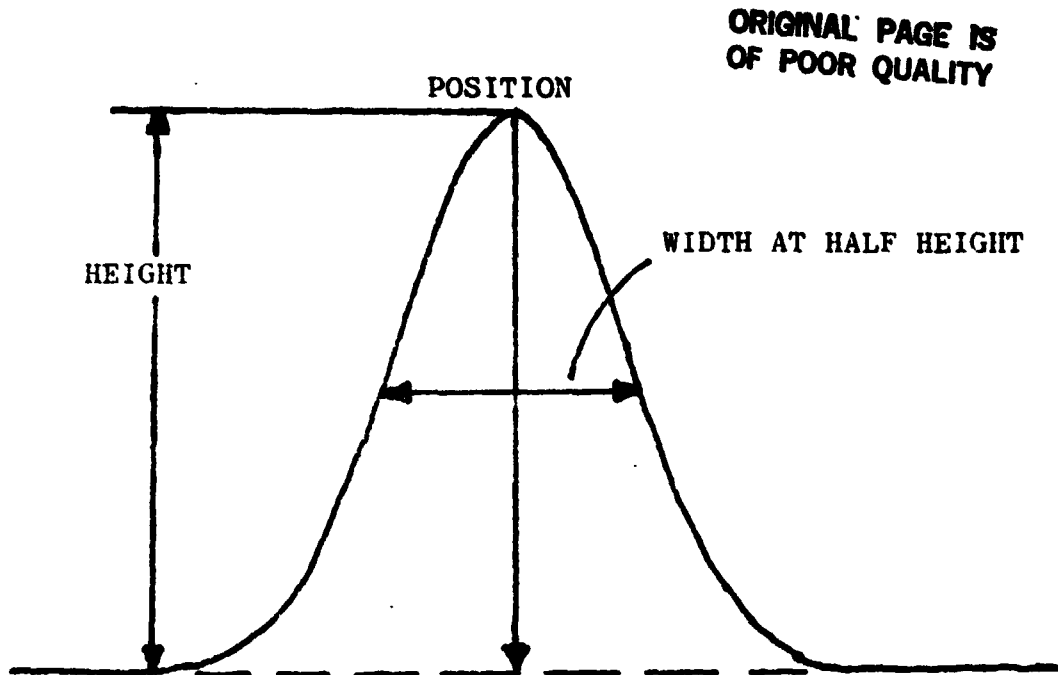
The goal of this research was to analyze the visible spectra of acidified chromic chloride solutions using curve resolving techniques previously developed, to develop new computer techniques to analyze the spectra, and compare the results of the two methods. This comparison will be helpful in assessing the validity of using curve resolving techniques in previous studies and in carrying out future studies on the temperature dependence of chromium (III) complex concentrations.

#### EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES AND CALCULATIONS

Solutions of 1M  $\text{CrCl}_3$  in 1N HCl and 1M  $\text{CrCl}_3$  in 2N HCl were placed in 25°C, 40°C, 55°C, and 69.5°C water baths and the spectra recorded after 2, 4, 6, and 24 hours to detect any equilibrium changes in solution (3). Two samples were used, one 10ml and the other 25ml.

Analysis of the spectral data (figures 8-14) were first curved out with the Dupont 310 curve resolver. To resolve overlapping peaks, the instrument generates a series of component peaks and synthesizes a sum curve matching the original data. The resolver generates, on each of its function channels, peak shapes corresponding to many distributions. Since the visible spectrophotometer gives Gaussian curve functions, the 310's individual peak parameters of height, width, and horizontal position are independently varied to fit this distribution. The data obtained from the spectrophotometer are displayed in some

type of X-Y readout with the peak overlap occurring on the X-axis. For example, the Gaussian function is illustrated in the figure below with important parameters shown:



TYPICAL DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION

The analog computer in the 310 adds the individual distribution functions together algebraically, and compares the resulting envelope with the actual experimental data. When resolving overlapping curve envelopes into their individual component curves, the 310 comes to within 1 percent (DuPont 310 Curve Resolver Manual, 1968).

The experimenter fits each curve to his satisfaction by varying each parameter independently. This can be



achieved by viewing each component on the screen individually and making appropriate adjustments. When every component is combined on the screen, the readout should fit the total curve envelope.

When resolving each curve, data previously obtained from the spectra of the individual components was used. The maxima of the absorption of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  are 605 and 430, and  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$  are 575 and 407. The molar absorptivity ratios of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  and the  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$  are 0.824 liter  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 0.863 liter  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively. Thus, the peaks were positioned and the heights determined according to the ratio of the molar absorptivities. Figures 8-14 show the spectra resolved into the  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$  and  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  peaks.

The calculation of the concentrations of the complexes utilize Beer's Law:

$$A = abc \text{ or } c = A/ab$$

A = absorbance

a = molar absorptivity (liter  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ )

b = width of sample cell (cm)

c = concentration of sample (mol liter $^{-1}$ )

The molar absorptivities of the individual species were calculated at arbitrary wavelengths from the spectra of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$  and  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$ . The complex ions were prepared according to a procedure by Angelici and chromium

concentrations determined by alkaline peroxide oxidation to chromate (9).

A computer program was developed to calculate the concentrations of the chromium (III) complexes from calculated molar absorptivities and is given in table 1. Absorbance values were obtained from the acidified chromium (III) solutions spectra. Using Beer's Law each set of data is compared against the other, giving a total of 45 possible combinations. These simultaneous equations are used to solve for the concentrations:

$$A_1 = a_{1H}b_1c_H + a_{1P}b_1c_P$$

$$A_2 = a_{2H}b_2c_H + a_{2P}b_2c_P$$

$A_1$  = absorbance at first wavelength

$A_2$  = absorbance at second wavelength

$a_{1H}$  = molar absorptivity at first wavelength of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$

$a_{1P}$  = molar absorptivity at first wavelength of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$

$a_{2P}$  = molar absorptivity at second wavelength of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$

$a_{2H}$  = molar absorptivity at second wavelength of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$

$b_1 = b_2$  = cell width used

$c_H$  = concentration of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$

$c_P$  = concentration of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$

To avoid extremely erroneous values, a retaining sub-program was added. After the 45 concentration values are averaged, the sub-program is activated. Values greater than the average by an arbitrarily chosen retaining percentage are expelled. The final concentration value is then cal-

culated from this new set of data.

To ensure the reliability of each of these methods, their concentrations must be compared. Since the peaks of the spectra relay the most accurate data, we chose these as our data points. For example, from spectra #82 we can calculate the concentration of each species as follows:

PENTA COMPLEX:

First Peak -

$$a = 17.8 \text{ liter mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$A = 0.897$$

$$b = 0.1 \text{cm}$$

$$c = A/ab = 0.897 / (17.8 \text{ liter/mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1})(0.1 \text{cm})$$

$$= 0.5039 \text{ mol/liter}$$

Second Peak -

$$a = 21.6 \text{ liter mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$A = 1.040$$

$$b = 0.1 \text{cm}$$

$$c = A/ab = 1.040 / (21.6 \text{ liter/mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1})(0.1 \text{cm})$$

$$= 0.4815 \text{ mol/liter}$$

$$\text{average} = 0.4927 \text{ mol/liter}$$

$$\text{Computed value for concentration of } \text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2} = 0.6207 \text{ mol/liter}$$

$$\text{Percent difference} = 0.6207 - 0.4927 / 0.4927 \times 100 = 25.9 \text{ percent}$$

HEXA COMPLEX:

First Peak -

$$a = 13.9 \text{ liter mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$A = 0.597$$

$$b = 0.1 \text{cm}$$

$$c = A/ab = 0.597 / (13.9 \text{ liter mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1})(0.1 \text{cm})$$

$$= 0.4295 \text{ mol/liter}$$

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Second Peak -

$$a = 16.1 \text{ liter mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$A = 0.706$$

$$b = 0.1 \text{ cm}$$

$$c = A/ab = 0.706 / (16.1 \text{ liter mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1})(0.1 \text{ cm})$$

$$= 0.4385 \text{ mol/liter}$$

$$\text{Average} = 0.4340 \text{ mol/liter}$$

$$\text{Computed value for concentration of } \text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3} = 0.3363 \text{ mol/liter}$$

$$\text{Percent difference} = .4340 - 0.3363 / .4340 \times 100 = 22.5 \text{ percent}$$

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results obtained from the computer and curve resolver are shown in tables 2 and 3. In table 2, two sets of data are given at different retaining values for each spectrum. The differences in concentrations appear to be minimal with the exception of spectra #43. In other cases, the number of equations used in the computation of concentrations remain constant regardless of the retaining value. Spectra 36 and 86 illustrate this behavior. This problem could very well be caused by low concentrations of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$ . On the other hand, the curve resolver appears to have given more accurate data. Curve resolve data used in a similar study of chromium (III) complexes agrees with the accepted values ("Spectrophotometric Analysis of Aqueous Mixtures of Some Chromium (III) Complexes", Greg Stevens, May, 1983).

## CONCLUSION

Table 4 compares the concentrations of the two methods. The discrepancy between these concentrations could have resulted from several factors. First of all, the temperature equilibrium data itself appears to be unreliable. Secondly, the computer analysis is inconsistent in its treatment of the data. The program may be unable to handle low concentrations of either species. Also, the selection of analytical wavelengths may have been poor. Consequently, it is desirable to choose wavelengths where one component absorbs strongly and the other weakly, or vice versa (2). The sharp slope of the curve analyzed could have also caused some discrepancy by giving inaccurate absorbance and wavelength readings. The curve resolver could have also added to this error. Since there are three variables for each of the four component curves, the probability that one can fit each curve perfectly remains quite low. As a result, we find that the computer analysis is not applicable to the data available.

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FIGURE 1- PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION OF NASA-REDOX CONCEPT

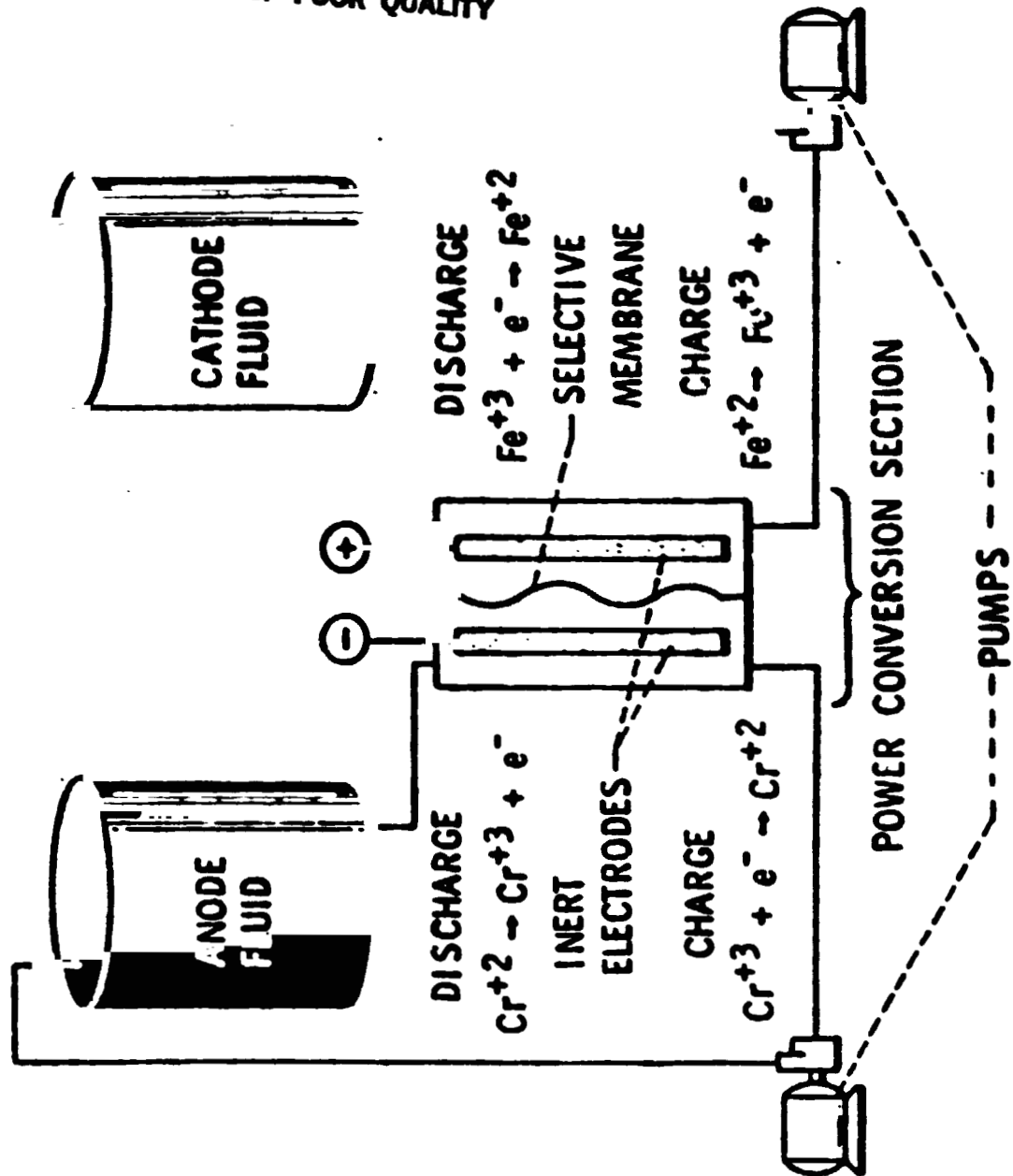
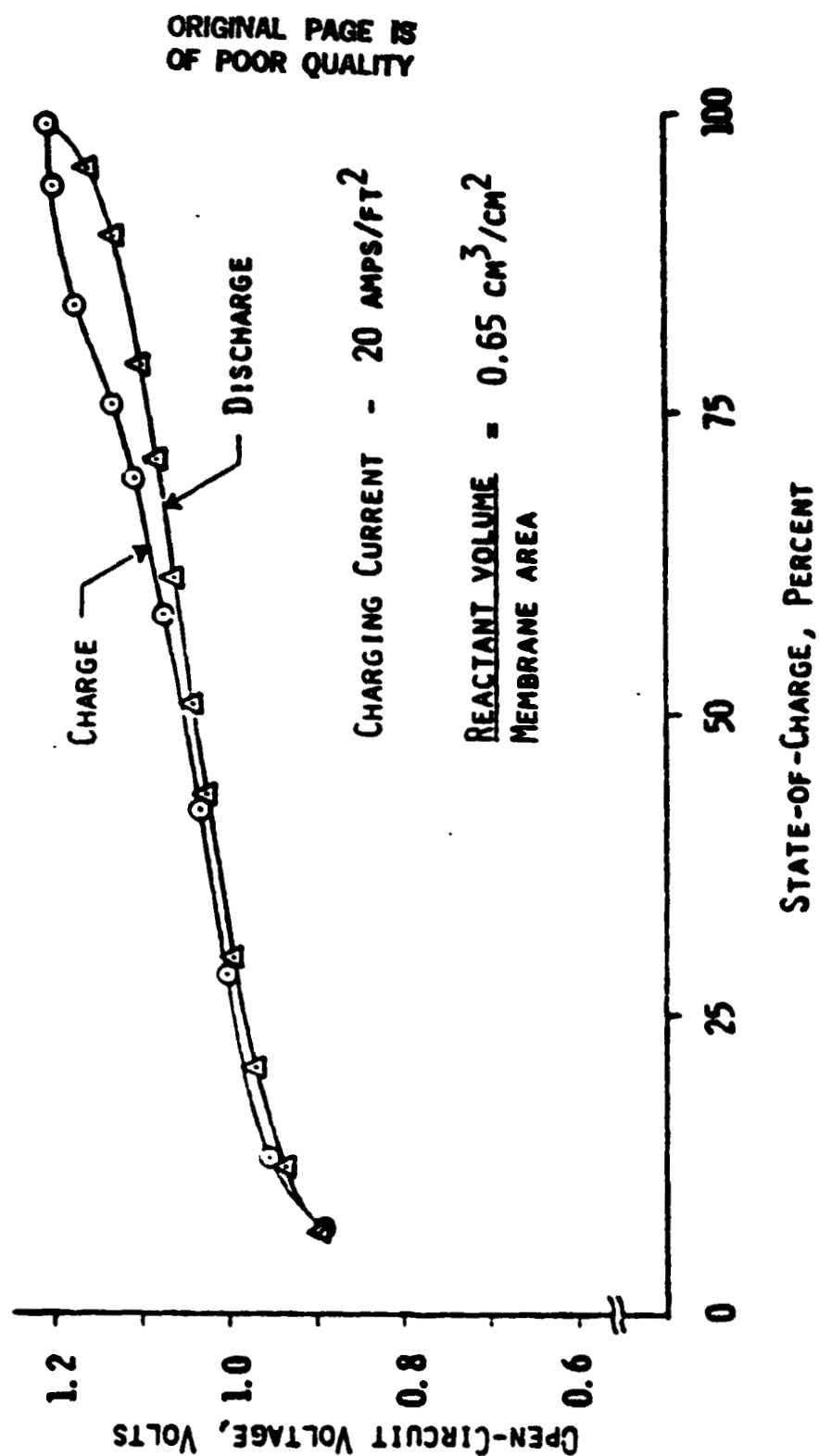
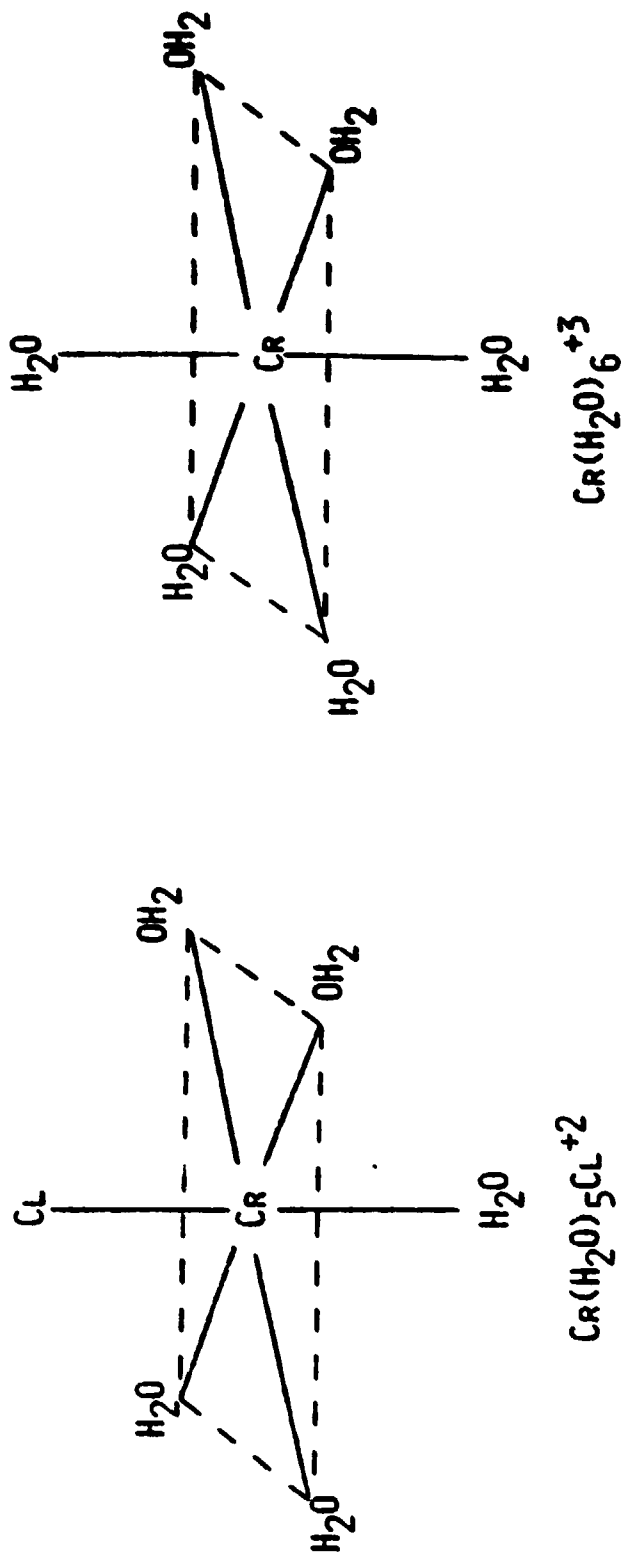


FIGURE. 2- OPEN-CIRCUIT VOLTAGE HYSTERESIS OF IRON/CHROMIUM REDOX CELL



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FIGURE 3- CR(III) COMPLEX IONS





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FIGURE. 4- SPECTRUM OF CHROMIUM REDOX SOLUTION

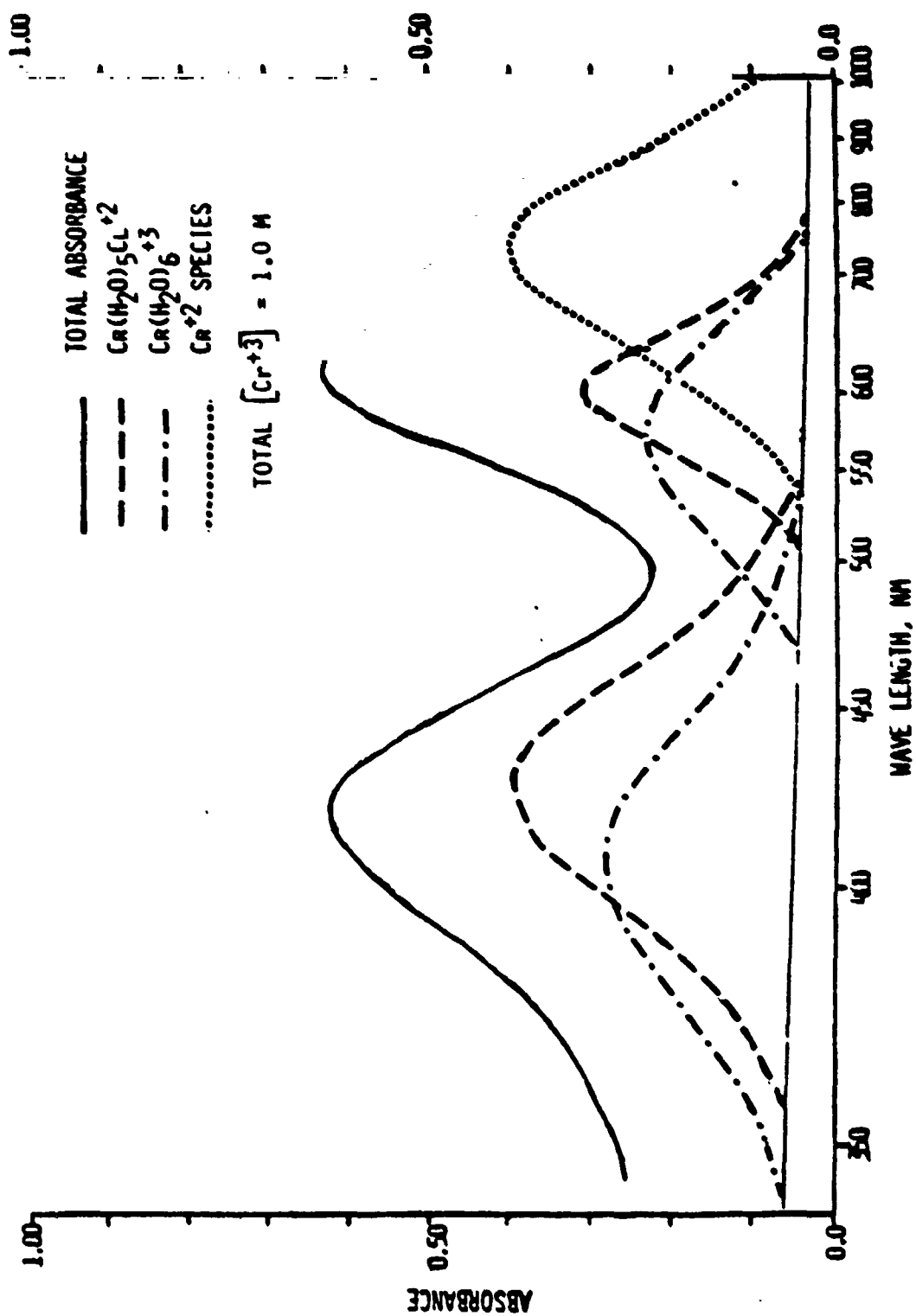
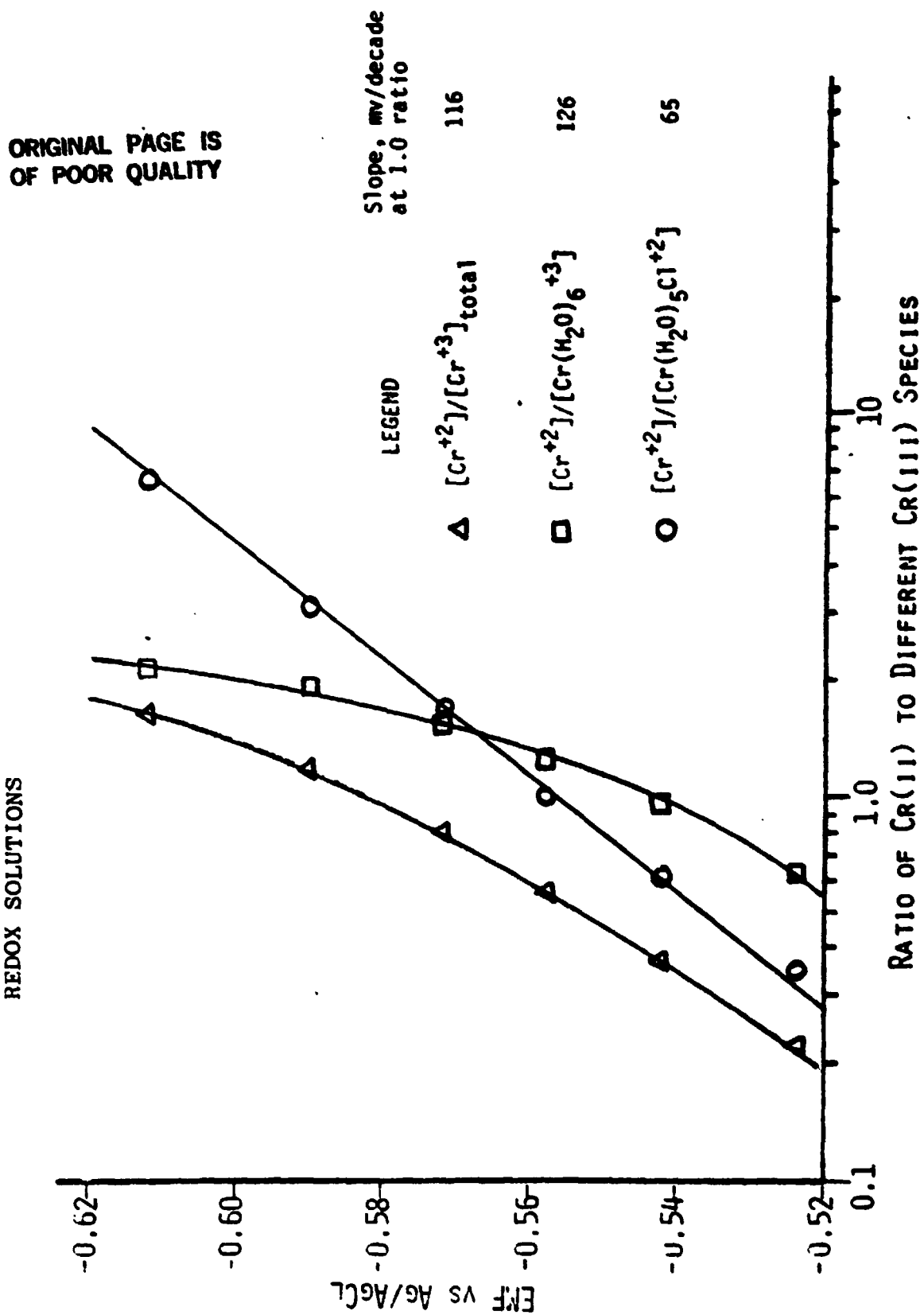


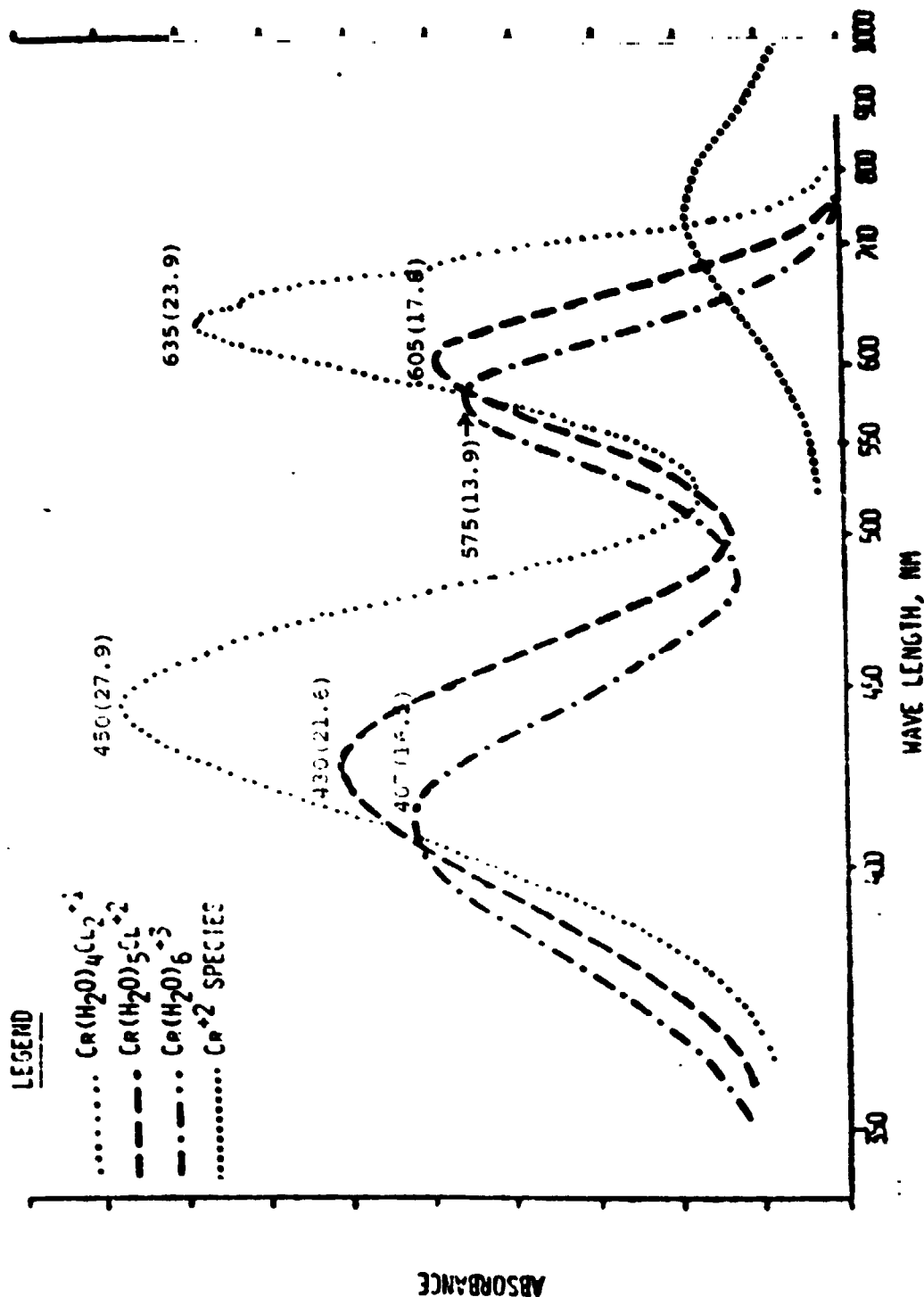
FIGURE. 5- POTENTIOMETRIC STUDIES

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FIGURE 6- SPECTRA OF CHROMIUM COMPLEX IONS



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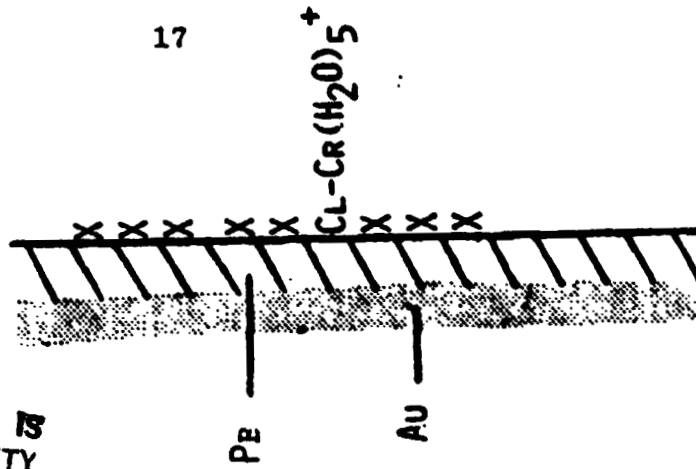
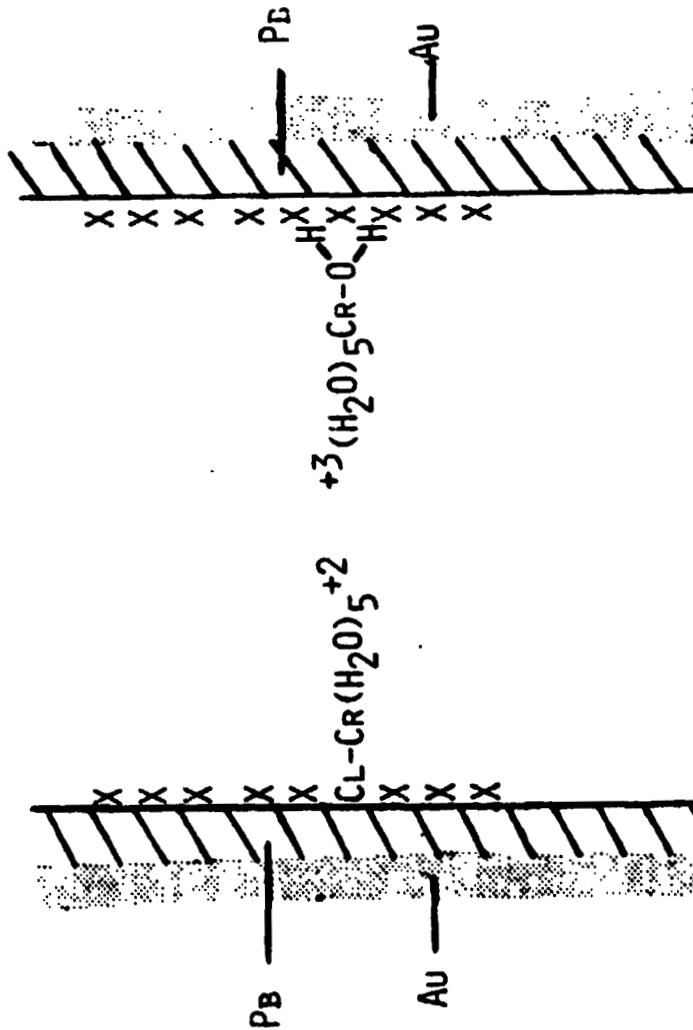


FIGURE. 7- ELECTRODE REACTION MECHANISMS



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10 REM PROGRAM TO DETERMINE CONCENTRATIONS OF 2 COMPONENTS
20 REM IN MIXTURE FROM UV-VIS SPECTROSCOPY DATA
30 REM BY GREG STEVENS 3/82
40 REM
50 FOR I=0 TO 2 STEP .1:SET 0:INKEY
60 FOR I=0 TO 12:SET 1:INKEY
70 FOR I=0 TO 12:SET 1:INKEY
80 FOR I=0 TO 2 STEP .1:SET 1:INKEY
90 PRINT:PRINT "DETERMINATION OF CONCENTRATIONS OF TWO SPECIES IN"
100 PRINT:PRINT "SOLUTION USING UV-VIS SPECTROSCOPY DATA"
110 PRINT:PRINT
120 PRINT:PRINT "*****"
130 PRINT:PRINT "*****"
140 PRINT:PRINT "*****"
150 PRINT:PRINT "*****"
160 PRINT:PRINT "*****"
170 PRINT:PRINT "*****"
180 REM INPUT DATA
190 CLS
200 PRINT "ENTER THE NUMBER OF WAVELENGTHS FROM WHICH"
210 PRINT "DATA IS TAKEN"
220 INPUT I
230 IF I < 2 THEN GOTO 235
240 PRINT "OK, AT LEAST 2 WAVELENGTHS"
250 GOTO 260
260 CLS
270 GOTO 280
280 CLS
290 REM INPUT WAVELENGTHS
300 PRINT "ENTER WAVELENGTH (nm)"
310 INPUT W(1)
320 PRINT
330 PRINT "ENTER ABSORBANCE AT WAVELENGTH W(1)"
340 INPUT A(1)
350 PRINT
360 PRINT "ENTER MOLAR ABSORPTIVITY OF FIRST"
370 PRINT "COMPONENT AT WAVELENGTH W(1)"
380 INPUT M(1,1)
390 PRINT
400 PRINT "ENTER MOLAR ABSORPTIVITY OF SECOND"
410 PRINT "COMPONENT AT WAVELENGTH W(1)"
420 INPUT M(2,1)
430 PRINT
440 PRINT "ENTER THE CELL WIDTH USED (IN CM)"
450 INPUT B(1)
460 CLS
470 PRINT "PLEASE WAIT"
480 NEXT I
490 REM PRINTED OUTPUT OF DATA
500 LPRINT "WAVELENGTH", "ABSORBANCE", "MOLAR ABSORPTIVITY 1,2"
510 LPRINT "CELL WIDTH"
520 LPRINT
530 FOR I=1 TO 2
540 LPRINT TAB(4) "W(1)"
550 LPRINT TAB(10) "LPRINT USING B(1,1)"
560 LPRINT TAB(21) "LPRINT USING G(1,1,1)"
570 LPRINT TAB(40) "LPRINT USING G(1,1,2)"
580 LPRINT
590 LPRINT USING H(1,1)
600 NEXT I
610 REM COMPUTATIONS
620 FOR I=1 TO 2
630 S1=0
640 S2=0
650 FOR J=1 TO 2

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2000 REM LINES 2000-2100 ELIMINATE EXCESSIVE CONCENTRATION VALUES
2005 L=0
2010 N=C/N:PIS=0:Q2=0
2020 FOR J=1 TO E
2030 FOR I=1 TO E
2040 IF (A(I,J)-1)*10000<12500 OR A(I,J)>12500 THEN 2080
2050 I=I+1
2060 J=J+1
2070 IF J=E THEN 2010
2080 IF L=9 THEN GOSUB 3000
2090 NEXT I
2100 N=N+1
2110 IF L=(D+1) THEN 2115
2120 NEXT J
2130 N2=N
2140 IF N=0 THEN N=1
2150 Y=S1/N
2160 Y=S2/N
2170 N=N2
2180 Y=INT(Y*10000+.5)/10000
2190 Y=INT(Y*10000+.5)/10000
2200 L=L+1
2210 IF L=10 THEN 2190
2220 GOTO 2010
2230 RETURN
3000 REM INPUT TITLE
3005 CLEAR 64
3010 INPUT "ENTER THE TITLE: ";T$
3020 LPRINT T$
3030 LPRINT "LPRINT"
3040 GOTO 170
4000 REM COMPUTE ED AND RAD FOR REMAINING VALUES
4020 SD(1,1)=(C(I,J,1)-Y)*2
4030 SD(2,1)=SD(1,1)+SD(2,1)
4040 RAD(1,1)=ABS(C(I,J,1)-Y)
4050 RAD(2,1)=RAD(1,1)+RAD(2,1)
4060 SD(1,2)=(C(I,J,2)-Y)*2
4070 SD(2,2)=SD(1,2)+SD(2,2)
4080 RAD(1,2)=ABS(C(I,J,2)-Y)
4090 RAD(2,2)=RAD(1,2)+RAD(2,2)
4100 N2=N
4110 IF N2 THEN N=2
4120 IF X=0 OR Y=0 THEN X=1:Y=1
4130 F(1)=(SD(2,1)/(N-1))*9.5
4140 G(1)=(RAD(2,1)/((N-1)*X))*100
4150 F(2)=(SD(2,2)/(N-1))*9.5
4160 G(2)=(RAD(2,2)/((N-1)*Y))*100
4170 N=N2
4180 RETURN
5000 PRINT "DO YOU WISH TO USE THE SPECIFIED WAVELENGTHS FOR"
5010 PRINT "CHROMIUM ANALYSIS--652.823,592.956,532.460,442.419."
5020 INPUT "YES AND 370.119"
5030 IF A$=YES THEN 5040 ELSE RETURN
5040 CLS
5050 FOR I=1 TO E
5060 READ W1:W2:W3:W4:W5:W6:W7:W8:W9:W10:W11
5070 PRINT "ENTER ABSORBANCE AT WAVELENGTH: ";W1
5080 INPUT A(I)
5090 NEXT I
5100 PRINT "PLEASE WAIT"
5110 GOTO 460
5902 DATA 652.823,592.956,532.460,442.419,370.119
5903 DATA 556.873,521.81,512.5,494.8,480.3,460.3,442.4,419.1
5904 DATA 442.4,419.1,370.1,356.1,342.1,328.1,314.1,299.1,285.1
5905 DATA 11.270,2.53,11.03,1
5906 END

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Table 2.- Computer Output for Spectra Obtained From Equilibrium Temperature Study

<u>Spectra #</u>	<u>Number of equations used</u>	<u>Retaining value</u>	<u>C<sub>p</sub>(mol/l)</u>	<u>C<sub>H</sub>(mol/l)</u>	<u>SD<sub>p</sub></u>	<u>SD<sub>H</sub></u>	<u>RAD<sub>p</sub>(%)</u>	<u>RAD<sub>H</sub>(%)</u>
88	17	0.25	0.6135	0.3377	0.050	0.029	6.64	7.31
88	25	0.50	0.6389	0.3274	0.082	0.073	9.32	16.17
36	2	0.25	0.8103	0.0761	0.018	0.015	3.07	27.66
36	5	0.75	0.8190	0.0667	0.028	0.033	3.20	45.48
52	18	0.25	0.5607	0.3245	0.035	0.039	5.16	11.04
52	34	0.50	0.5606	0.3483	0.088	0.088	11.53	21.67
86	2	0.25	0.7720	0.0699	0.013	0.015	2.31	29.59
86	2	0.75	0.7720	0.0699	0.013	0.015	2.31	29.59
82	18	0.25	0.6207	0.3363	0.048	0.033	6.38	7.77
82	26	0.50	0.6436	0.3262	0.081	0.074	9.19	16.87
43	5	0.25	0.8753	0.0756	0.091	0.006	9.25	7.00
43	38	0.75	0.7668	0.1870	0.072	0.062	6.96	24.21
66	20	0.25	0.5212	0.3602	0.036	0.047	5.93	11.62
66	33	0.50	0.4962	0.4118	0.071	0.101	11.54	21.04
92	18	0.25	0.5275	0.3989	0.047	0.034	6.33	6.88
92	33	0.50	0.5171	0.1213	0.079	0.102	11.87	20.15

C<sub>p</sub> = concentration of Cr(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>5</sub>Cl<sup>+2</sup>C<sub>H</sub> = concentration of Cr(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub><sup>+3</sup>SD<sub>p</sub> = standard deviation of Cr(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>5</sub>Cl<sup>+2</sup>SD<sub>H</sub> = standard deviation of Cr(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub><sup>+3</sup>RAD<sub>p</sub> = relative average deviation of Cr(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>5</sub>Cl<sup>+2</sup>RAD<sub>H</sub> = relative average deviation of Cr(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub><sup>+3</sup>



Table 3. - Curve Resolve Data for Spectra Obtained from  
Equilibrium Temperature Study

Spectra #	$C_p(\text{mol/l})$	$C_H(\text{mol/l})$	$A_{p1}$	$A_{p2}$	$A_{H1}$	$A_{H2}$
88	0.5187	0.3825	0.930	1.112	0.540	0.606
36	0.7052	0.1503	1.258	1.520	0.194	0.259
52	0.2900	0.3710	0.888	1.039	0.522	0.590
86	0.5987	0.5660	1.087	1.267	0.540	0.592
82	0.4927	0.4340	0.897	1.040	0.597	0.706
43	0.7485	0.1136	1.351	1.594	0.150	0.192
66	0.3794	0.4900	0.684	0.809	0.680	0.790
92	0.3921	0.5018	0.688	0.859	0.705	0.799

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$A_{p1}$  = absorbance of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  at first peak  
 $A_{p2}$  = absorbance of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$  at second peak  
 $A_{H1}$  = absorbance of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$  at first peak  
 $A_{H2}$  = absorbance of  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$  at second peak

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Table 4.- Comparison of Data Obtained From  
Computer and Curve Resolver

<u>Spectra #</u>	<u>Computer</u>		<u>Resolver</u>	
	<u>C<sub>p</sub>(mol/l)</u>	<u>C<sub>H</sub>(mol/l)</u>	<u>C<sub>p</sub>(mol/l)</u>	<u>C<sub>H</sub>(mol/l)</u>
88	0.6135	0.3377	0.5187	0.3825
36	0.8103	0.0761	0.7052	0.1503
52	0.5606	0.3483	0.4900	0.3710
86	0.7720	0.0699	0.5987	0.5660
82	0.6207	0.3363	0.4927	0.4340
43	0.7668	0.1870	0.7485	0.1136
66	0.4962	0.4118	0.3794	0.4900
92	0.5171	0.4213	0.3921	0.5018

FIGURE. 8- SPECTRA # 82

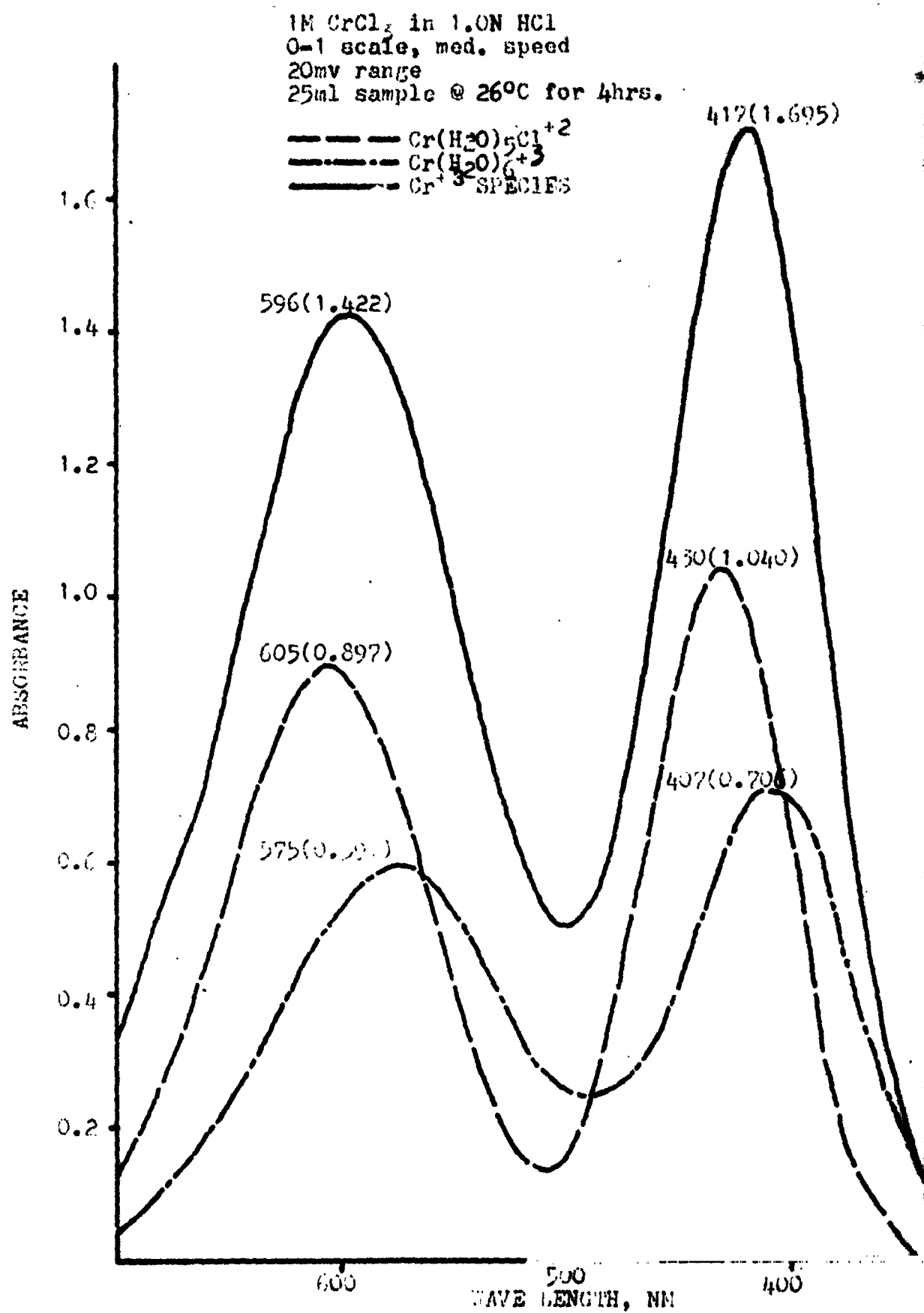
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FIGURE 9- SPECTRA #43

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1M  $\text{CrCl}_3$  in 1.0N HCl  
 0-1 scale, med. speed  
 20mv range  
 25 ml sample @  $40^\circ\text{C}$  for 24hrs.

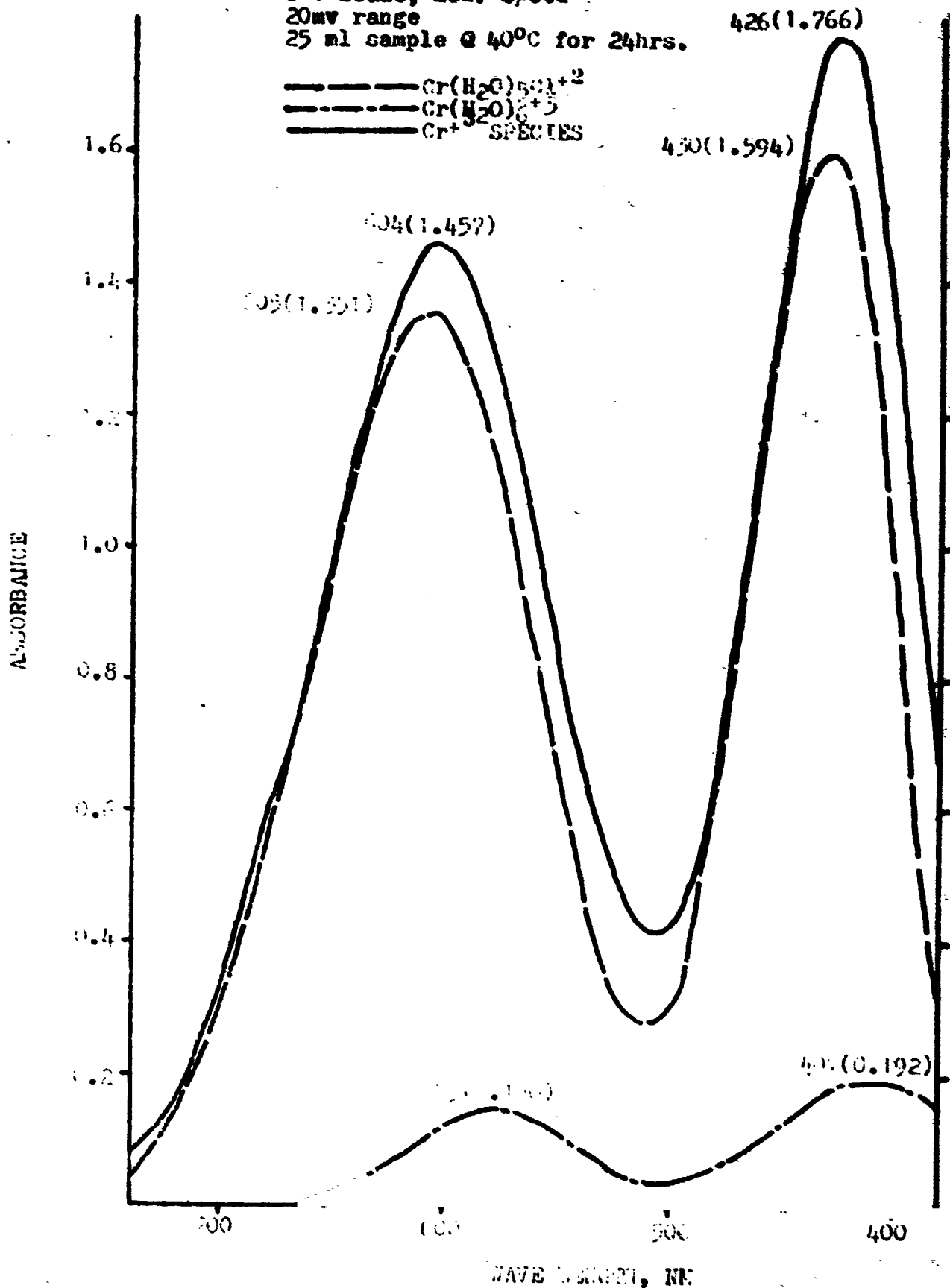


FIGURE 10- SPECTRA #66

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1%  $\text{CrCl}_3$  in 1.0N HCl  
 0-1 scale, med. speed  
 20mv range  
 25ml sample @ 55°C for 24hrs.

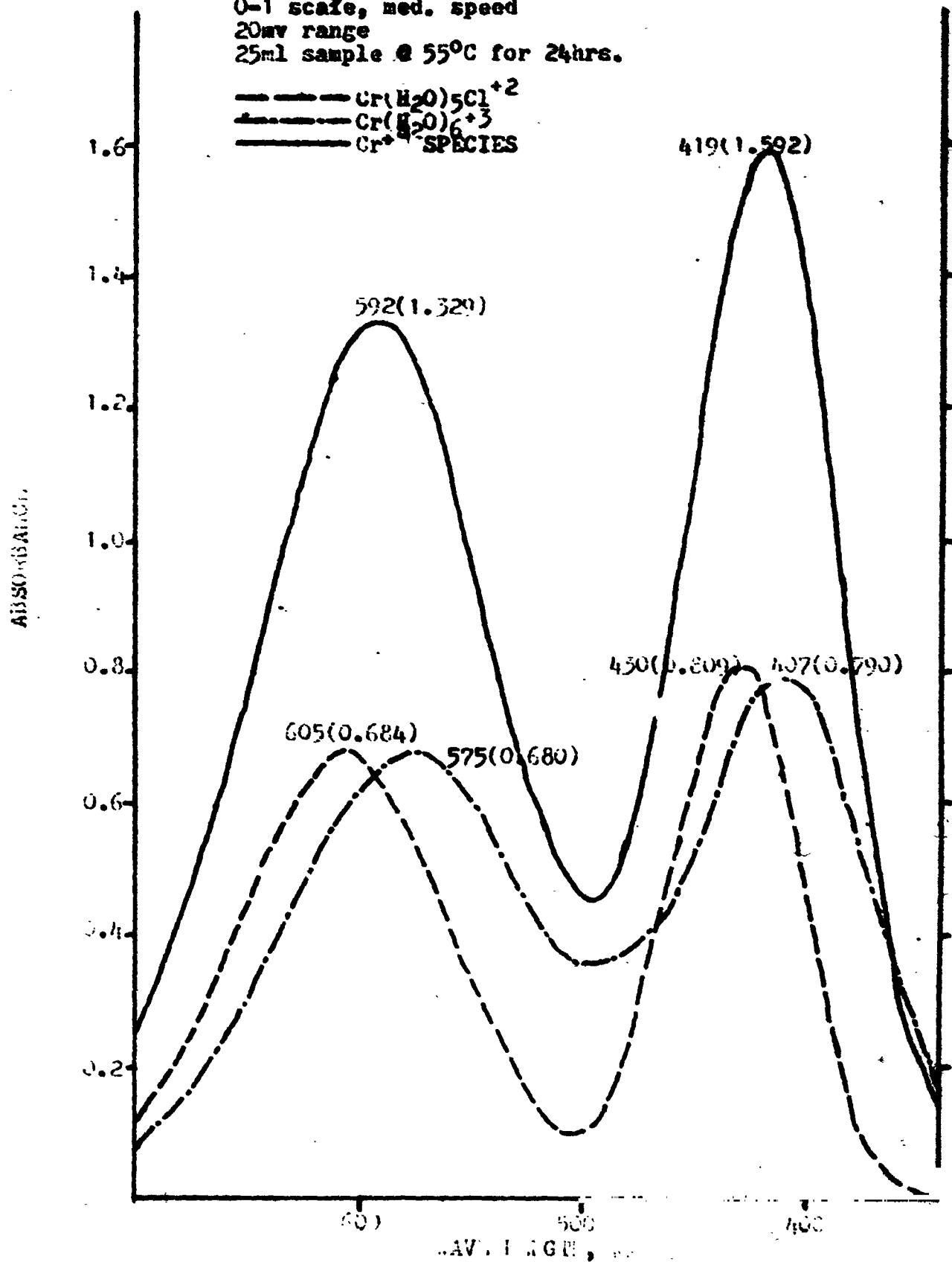


FIGURE 11. - SPECTRA #92

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1%  $\text{CrCl}_3$  in 1.0N  $\text{HCl}$   
0-1 scale, med. speed  
20mv range  
10ml sample @  $69.5^\circ\text{C}$  for 6hrs.

-----  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$   
-----  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4\text{Cl}_2^{+3}$   
———  $\text{Cr}^{+3}$  SPECIES

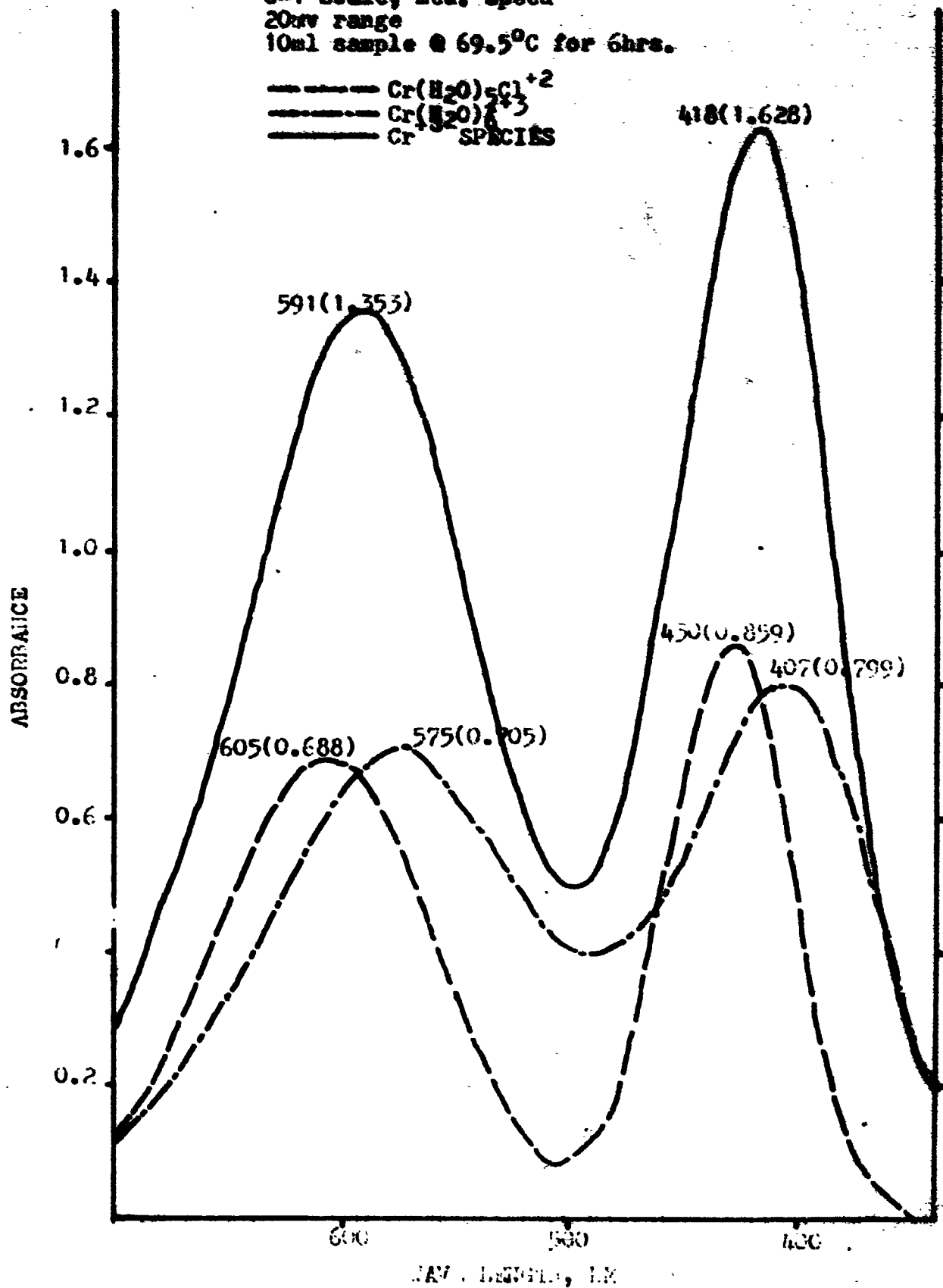


FIGURE. 12- SPECTRA #88

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1M  $\text{CrCl}_3$  in 2.0N  $\text{HCl}$   
 0-1 scale, med. speed  
 20mv range  
 25ml sample @  $20^\circ\text{C}$  for 4hrs. 418(1.672)

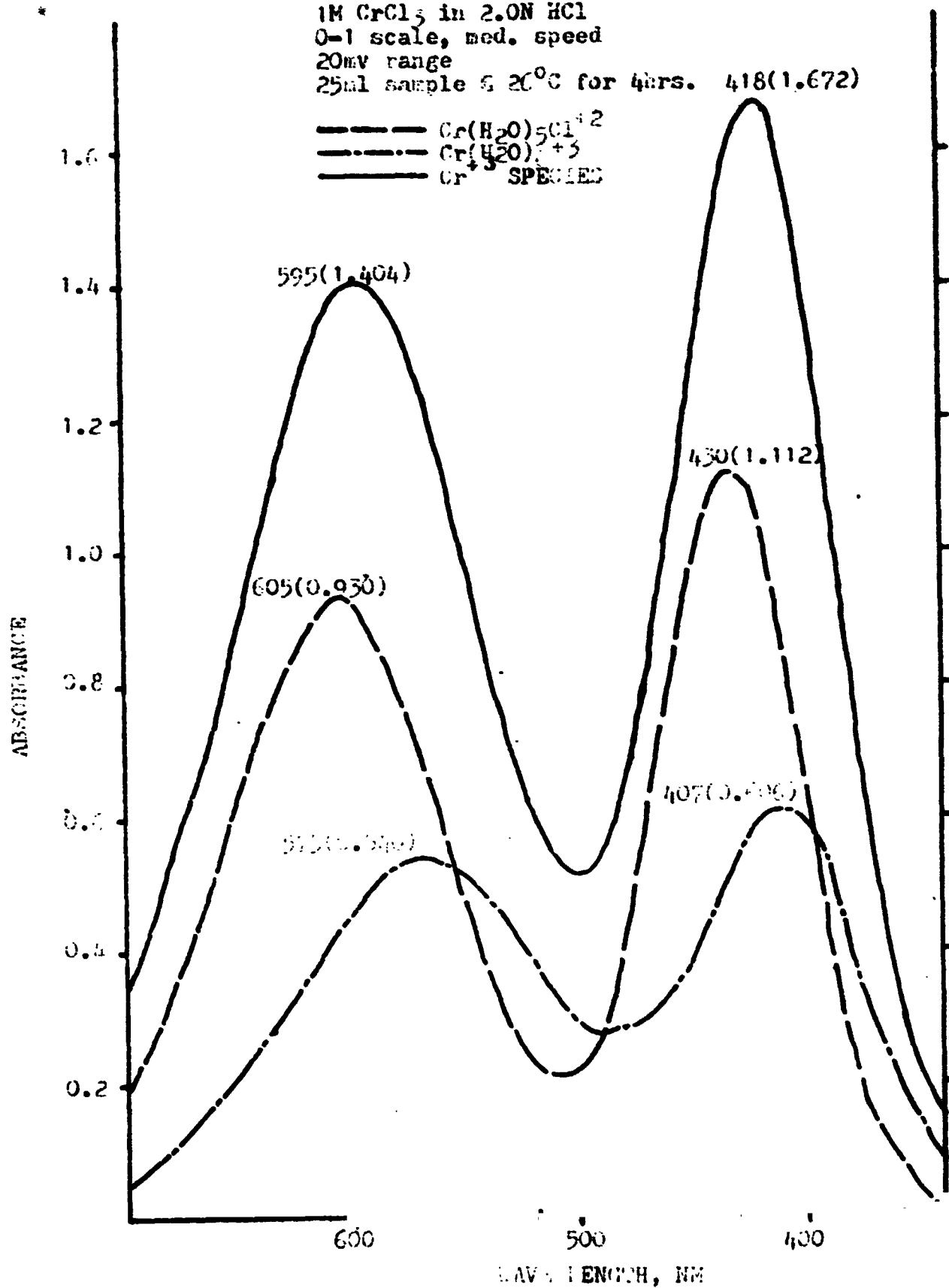


FIGURE 13- SPECTRA # 36

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1M  $\text{CrCl}_3$  in 2.0M HCl  
 0-1 scale, med. speed  
 20mv range  
 25ml sample @ 40°C for 24hrs.

—  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}^{+2}$   
 - - -  $\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{+3}$   
 —  $\text{Cr}^{+3}$  SPECIES

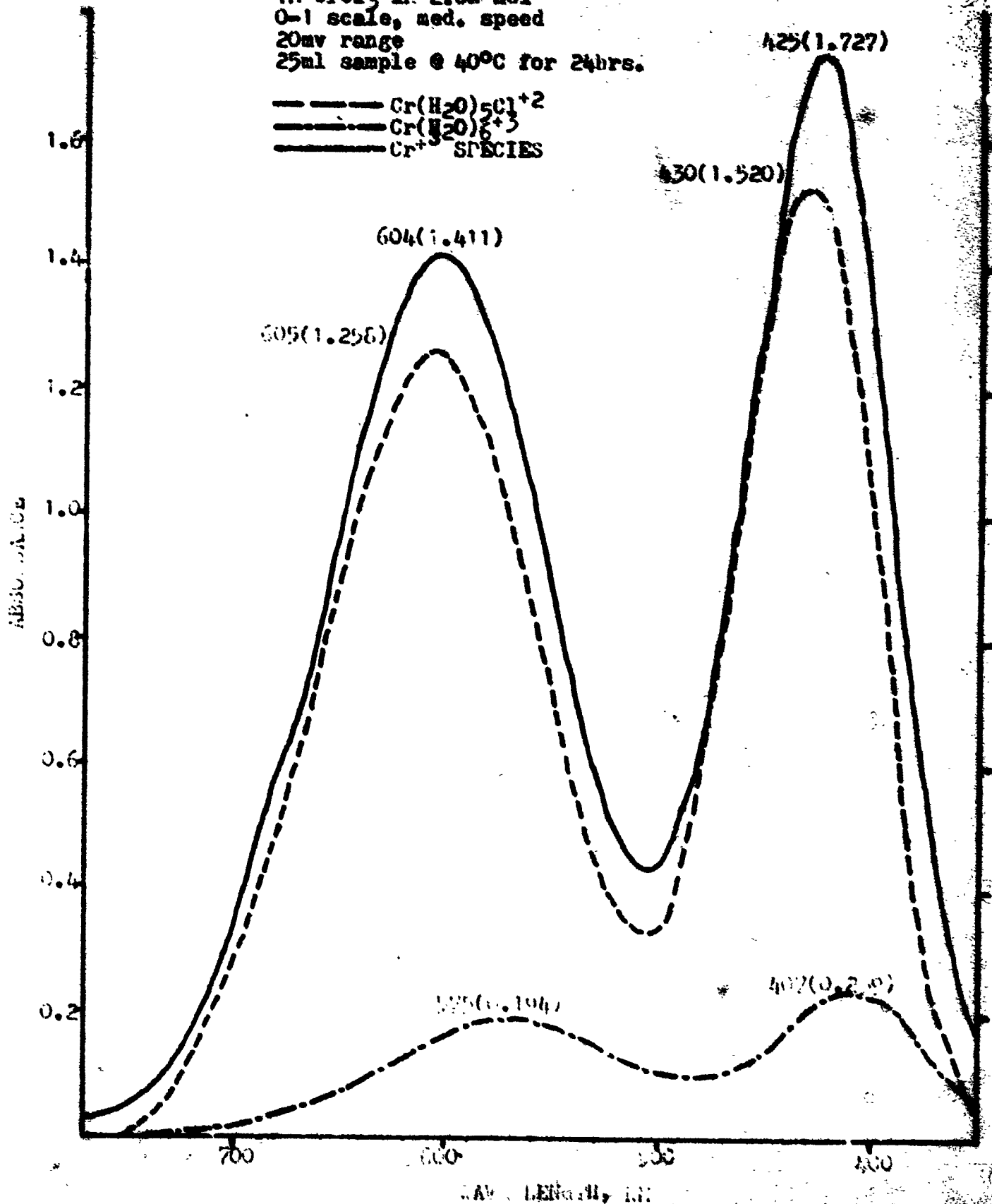
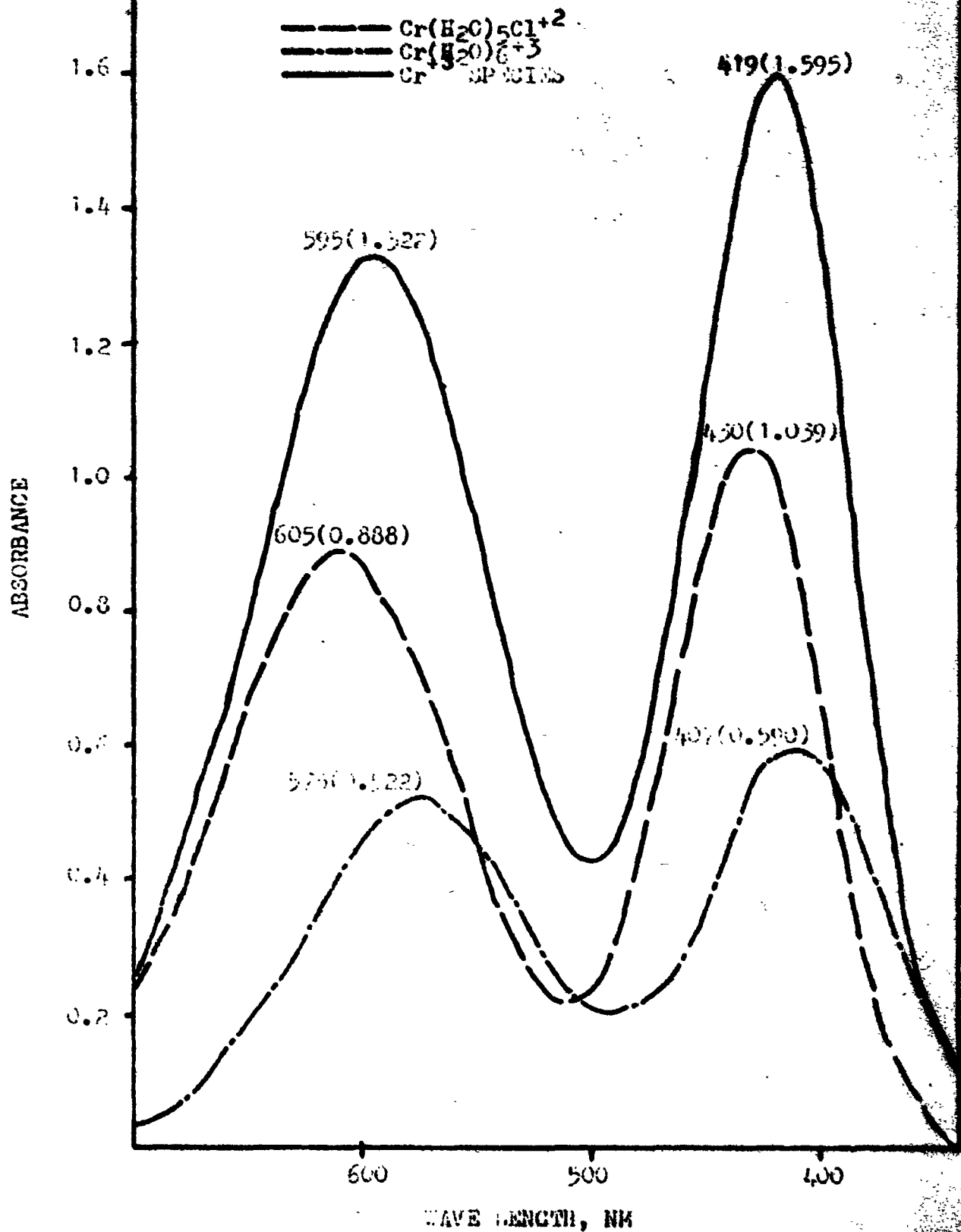




FIGURE 14- SPECTRA #52

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1M  $\text{CrCl}_3$  in 2.0N HCl  
 0-1 scale, med. speed  
 20mv range  
 10ml sample @  $55^\circ\text{C}$  for 24hrs.



DETERMINATION OF CONCENTRATIONS OF TWO SPECIES  
IN SOLUTION USING IN-VIS SPECTROSCOPY DATA

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SPECTRA FOR NASA RECONTEMP STUDY-RETAINING VALUE=0.10

WAVELENGTH	ABSORBANCE	WAVELENGTH	ABSORBANCE
452	0.775	11.12	7.71
459	1.000	12.02	7.30
461	1.313	12.04	13.04
464	1.000	12.07	12.81
471	0.110	12.04	8.90
482	0.040	12.11	8.25
441	1.037	12.01	10.35
418	1.100	10.01	12.43
390	0.000	7.75	12.16
370	0.000	0.55	11.02

THE CONCENTRATION OF THE FIRST SPECIES IS .5606 MOLAR

THE CONCENTRATION OF THE SECOND SPECIES IS .3483 MOLAR

FIRST SPECIES STANDARD DEVIATION IS 0.025

SECOND SPECIES STANDARD DEVIATION IS 0.005

FIRST SPECIES RELATIVE AVERAGE DEVIATION IS 11.53%

SECOND SPECIES RELATIVE AVERAGE DEVIATION IS 11.57%

DATA

CONCENTRATION: #1

CONCENTRATION: #2

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THERE WERE 34 SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS USED FOR THE CONCENTRATION DETERMINATION

TOTAL STANDARD DEVIATION FOR FIRST SPECIES IS 0.020

TOTAL STANDARD DEVIATION FOR SECOND SPECIES IS 0.005

TOTAL RELATIVE AVERAGE DEVIATION FOR FIRST SPECIES IS 40.07%

TOTAL RELATIVE AVERAGE DEVIATION FOR SECOND SPECIES IS 11.57%

DETERMINATION OF CONCENTRATIONS OF TWO SPECIES  
IN SOLUTION USING TWO DIFFERENT WAVELENGTHS

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SPECTRA WAVELENGTH RANGE STUDY-RETAINED VALUES

WAVELENGTH	ABSORBANCE	CONCENTRATION	CONCENTRATION	CONCENTRATION
652	0.178	11.15	3.74	0.1
656	1.000	18.82	7.20	0.1
552	1.227	15.82	17.04	0.1
556	1.008	6.93	11.9	0.1
572	0.550	15.04	8.64	0.1
440	0.941	13.11	8.05	0.1
442	1.337	18.91	10.56	0.1
416	1.505	19.82	16.93	0.1
388	0.980	7.78	10.16	0.1
378	0.405	2.55	11.93	0.1

THE CONCENTRATION OF THE FIRST SPECIES IS .2562 MOLAR

THE CONCENTRATION OF THE SECOND SPECIES IS .3537 MOLAR

FIRST SPECIES STANDARD DEVIATION IS 0.115

SECOND SPECIES STANDARD DEVIATION IS 0.105

FIRST SPECIES RELATIVE AVERAGE DEVIATION IS 11.32%

SECOND SPECIES RELATIVE AVERAGE DEVIATION IS 21.70%

DATA

CONCENTRATION M1

CONCENTRATION M2

.113170	1	.119471
.157401	1	.126883
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.15455	1	.1414673
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.191721	1	.104701
.17003	1	.138404
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.108017	1	.111107

THERE WERE 20 CALCULATED VALUES FOR THE FIRST SPECIES

TOTAL STANDARD DEVIATION FOR FIRST SPECIES

TOTAL STANDARD DEVIATION FOR SECOND SPECIES

TOTAL RELATIVE AVERAGE DEVIATION FOR FIRST SPECIES

TOTAL RELATIVE AVERAGE DEVIATION FOR SECOND SPECIES

DETERMINATION OF THE CONCENTRATION OF THE FIRST SPECIES  
IN SOLUTION (USING A 10% REFLECTANCE UNIT)

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SPECTRAL REFLECTANCE RELATIVE TO REFLECTANCE OF REFERENCE VALUE 0.100

WAVELENGTH (nm)	REFLECTANCE	CONCENTRATION (MOLAR)	RELATIVE REFLECTANCE	RELATIVE CONCENTRATION
400	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
410	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
420	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
430	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
440	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
450	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
460	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
470	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
480	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
490	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
500	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
510	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
520	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
530	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
540	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
550	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
560	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
570	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
580	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
590	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
600	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
610	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
620	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
630	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
640	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
650	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
660	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
670	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
680	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
690	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75
700	0.075	1.00	0.75	0.75

THE CONCENTRATION OF THE FIRST SPECIES IS 0.007 MOLAR

THE CONCENTRATION OF THE SECOND SPECIES IS 0.004 MOLAR

FIRST SPECIES STANDARD DEVIATION IS 0.035  
SECOND SPECIES STANDARD DEVIATION IS 0.035

FIRST SPECIES RELATIVE AVERAGE DEVIATION IS 0.160  
SECOND SPECIES RELATIVE AVERAGE DEVIATION IS 0.160

WAVELENGTH (nm)	CONCENTRATION (MOLAR)
400	0.0075
410	0.0075
420	0.0075
430	0.0075
440	0.0075
450	0.0075
460	0.0075
470	0.0075
480	0.0075
490	0.0075
500	0.0075
510	0.0075
520	0.0075
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770	0.0075
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790	0.0075
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960	0.0075
970	0.0075
980	0.0075
990	0.0075
1000	0.0075

THE CONCENTRATION OF THE FIRST SPECIES IS 0.007 MOLAR  
THE CONCENTRATION OF THE SECOND SPECIES IS 0.004 MOLAR  
FIRST SPECIES STANDARD DEVIATION IS 0.035  
SECOND SPECIES STANDARD DEVIATION IS 0.035  
FIRST SPECIES RELATIVE AVERAGE DEVIATION IS 0.160  
SECOND SPECIES RELATIVE AVERAGE DEVIATION IS 0.160

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